

Remarks/Arguments

Applicant elects, without traverse, Group I (including Claims 1 – 8 and 18-25) for prosecution on the merits.

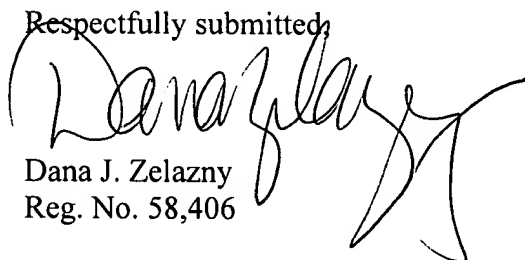
Applicant has cancelled Claims 12 – 17 and 27 - 34. Claims 9-11 have been amended to depend from independent claim 1, and claim 26 has been amended to depend from independent claim 18. In addition, Claim 19 has been amended to correct a typographical-type error.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and substantive examination of Claims 1-11 and 18-26.

CONCLUSION

No fee is believed to be necessary for entry of this Amendment. However, if a fee is necessary, please charge deposit account 13-3080 for any such fee. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,



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